The Mode is of primary interest to India as well as other developing countries. On the whole, developed countries have taken minimum level of commitments in this mode. In order to enhance access for Indian service providers under this mode, India has submitted proposals on liberalization of Movement of Professionals at the WTO under the mandated negotiations on Trade in Services.

Growth of industrial production

4497. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) growth in the industrial production since 1999-2000;

(b) whether the growth has shown a declining trend;

(c) if so, the reasons for this decline; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to accelerate industrial production?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA S AGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Growth in industrial production has registered a declining trend since 1999-2000 as shown in the table below :

Year	Growth in Industrial Production (%)
1999-2000	6.7
2000-01	5.0
2001-02	2.7
2002-03 (April-February)	5.7

However, during first eleven months of the current fiscal year (April-February 2002-03), a growth of 5.7% has been registered compared to 2.7% registered during the corresponding period of last fiscal year. Drought conditions in the previous years, infrastructure constraints, especially in power, and the slow pace of economic recovery in USA, European Union and Japan (for export demand) are the main reasons for decline in growth rates in industrial production during 2000-01 and2001-O2.

(d) The Government has taken following measures to accelerate production:

Measures announced in Union **Budget 2003-04:**

- The Government has announced several measures for improving infrastructure. These measures are targeted at modernizing and developing rail, road, airport, port and power sectors.
- The budget has sought to bolster the manufacturing sector by providing excise and customs duty reductions. This would strengthen the recovery in the manufacturing sector.
- For the textile industry, the budget has made proposals on excise duty cuts to provide the industry an incentive to modernize while making garments cheaper for retail buyers.

  Customs duty on textile machinery and parts reduced from 25% to 5% to encourage modernisation.
- Tax holiday extended for R&D efforts.
- Proposals relating to personal income tax such as removal of surcharge, rebates on education expenses and no levy of additional taxes would mean rise in personal disposable income of consumers, which imply further increase in demand.

Other measures:

- To improve operating environment of the industry and to boost its competitiveness, the Government has enacted several laws, which include the Competition Actand amendments to SEBI Act.
- The RBI has cut Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) to 4.5 per cent from 4.75 per cent, a move that will ease the liquidity position further.
- The draft Electricity Bill has been introduced in Parliament for facilitating comprehensive power sector reforms.

Delhi A business friendly city

4498. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that according to the study conducted by Bibek Debroy and Indicus Analytics for CII, Delhi has emerged as number one city in the ranking of business friendly places among 36 cities in the country;